

Refugee Assistance

What does this appropriation support?

Provides services to eligible refugees and/or persons with refugee status. The resettlement program promotes economic self sufficiency within the shortest possible time after a refugee's entrance into the state through the planned and coordinated use of support services, with cash and medical assistance as transition aid where necessary. This program helps to reduce the number of families/individuals receiving public benefit payments and increases the contribution to Missouri's economy. The program contracts with entities that provide services such as English as Second Language, job placement and resettlement services such as finding suitable housing.

What is the authorization for this program?

Federal law: P.L. 96-212, Refugee Act of 1980, Immigration and Nationality Act; H.B. 11.170

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes, it is federally mandated by the Refugee Act of 1980 and Public Law 96-212 and complies with the provisions of Title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act and meets all the requirements of 45 CFR Part 400.

Are there federal matching requirements? No.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL	\$3,724,555	\$3,806,121	\$3,605,446	\$3,808,853
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,724,555	\$3,806,121	\$3,605,446	\$3,808,853

What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable

Who is eligible?

Currently there are 6 contractors including the following (grouped by geography):

St. Louis, Missouri

- International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Services
- African Mutual Assistance Association of Missouri
- Catholic Charities

Kansas City, Missouri

- Jewish Vocational Services

Jefferson City, Missouri

- Refugee and Immigration Services

Note: To be eligible under these contracts the people served must be identified as refugees, asylees or Cuban/Haitian entrants by immigration identification cards issued by the US Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS). Additionally, certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the US as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1988 as included in the FY88 Continuing Resolution and certain Amerasians from Vietnam including US citizens under Title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts.

How many people are served?

FY*	English as a Second Language	Job Placement
2003	2,294	2,391
2004	1,962	2,329
2005	2,376	1,577

*Federal fiscal year numbers